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- 1. DR MINER OF NAMRU WAS FINALLY ABLE TO MEET WITH DR. RAMSES GOMMAA OF MOH ON JUNE 12 TO CONSIDER CHANGES IN NAMRU AGREEMENT REQUESTED IN REF A. MEETING WAS LENGTHY AND THOROUGH BUT ALSO VERY FRIENDLY, AND WE NOW HAVE MOH AGREEMENT TO CHANGES WASHINGTON CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL. FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS:
- 2. ARTICLE I, PARA 1, COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE.
- 3. ARTICLE I, PARA 3, COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE.
- 4. ARTICLE II, PARA 2. UNACCEPTABLE, AS WE SUSPECTED IN REF B. SINCE REF A GAVE US AUTHORITY TO DROP THIS PROPOSED CHANGE IF ISSUE IS CONTENTIOUS (WHICH IT IS), WE WILL REVERT TO WORDING OF PREVIOUS DRAFT.
- 5. ARTICLE VI, PARA 4. COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. ARTICLE VIII, PARA 4. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION DR. GOMMAA AGREED TO REVISED LANGUAGE WITH DELETION OF CLAUSE " SUCH AS RADIOISOTOPES", IN FIRST SENTENCE OF THIS PARA. SINCE SUCH DELETION WOULD IN FACT STRENGTHEN AGREEMENT FROM OUR STANDPOINT, REQUEST APPROVAL TO CONCUR WITH DR. GOMMAA.

7. ARTICLE X. DR. GOMMAA PREFERS TO HAVE ARABIC TEXT AUTHORITATIVE, BUT LEAVES ISSUE UP TO MFA. WE BELIEVE MFA WILL NOT INSIST ON ARABIC ALONE, SINCE IT HAS HAD MORE EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WHERE TWO OR MORE LANGUAGES ARE EQUALLY AUTHORITATIVE.

8. DR. GOMMAA REPORTED " GOOD NEWS" THAT MFA HAD ALMOST FINISHED WITH AGREEMENT. IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES RECOMMENDED ACTIONS IN PARA 4 AND 6 ABOVE, WE WILL PROVIDE REVISIONS TO MFA AND SEEK ITS EARLY CONCURRENCE. PLEASE ADVISE. EILTS

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